

**SUBJECT: VIETNAM-ERA UNACCOUNTED FOR STATISTICAL REPORT**

**BACKGROUND:** The Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Service, and the Department of State report the current numbers of Americans who are unaccounted for in Southeast Asia:

**AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA**

<u>COMPONENT</u>	<u>COUNTRY OF LOSS</u>					<u>TOTALS</u>
	VN	VS	LA	CB	CH	
ARMY	9	479	105	28	0	<b>621</b>
NAVY	275	90	28	1	8	<b>402</b>
MARINE CORPS	23	195	16	8	0	<b>242</b>
AIR FORCE	217	163	254	18	0	<b>652</b>
COAST GUARD	0	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
CIVILIANS	1	20	12	5	0	<b>38</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1956 *</b>
	<u>PURSUIT STATUS</u>					
FURTHER PURSUIT	207	481	357	42	4	<b>1091</b>
DEFERRED	65	111	28	3	1	<b>208</b>
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	253	356	30	15	3	<b>657</b>
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VN = VIETNAM, NORTH

VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH

CB = CAMBODIA

CH = CHINA

LA = LAOS

\* INCLUDES 459 AT SEA/OVER WATER LOSSES

**ACCOUNTING FOR U.S. PERSONNEL:** The Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii reports that since 1973, the U.S. has accounted for 629 Americans from Southeast Asia.

**AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR POST-1973  
REPATRIATED BY:**

VIETNAM	452	*
CHINA	2	**
LAOS	152	
CAMBODIA	23	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>***</b>

**NOTES:**

\* 34 remains from the Official Died in Captivity Lists provided by the Vietnamese in 1973.

\*\* 2 ashes returned from China.

\*\*\* 4 remains were recovered and turned over to the U.S. by indigenous personnel; 1 from North Vietnam and 3 from Laos. They are included in the country count.

**U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS:** Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 21792 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

#### **SUMMARY OF REPORTS**

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1914
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	4856
CRASH/GRAVE SITES	5262
DOGTAGS	9760
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21792</b>

- a. Of the 1914 firsthand reports received since 1975, 1897 (99.11%) reports are resolved.
  - 1319 (68.91%) reports were equated to Americans who are accounted for (i.e., PW returnees, missionaries, civilians jailed at various times for violation of Vietnamese codes).
  - 45 (2.35%) reports were correlated to wartime sightings of military personnel or pre-1975 sighting of civilians who remain unaccounted for.
  - 533 (27.85%) reports were determined to be fabrications.
- b. The remaining 17 (0.89%) unresolved firsthand reports represent the focus of the U.S. Government analytical and collection efforts:
  - 16 (0.84%) pertain to Americans reported in a captive environment.
  - 1 (0.05%) reported sightings of Americans in a non-captive environment (i.e. working as truck drivers; married with Vietnamese family).
- c. The following timeline presents an overview of unresolved firsthand sightings by the year of the sighting:

#### **TIMELINE: UNRESOLVED LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS**

Pre-76	76-80	81-85	86-90	91-95	96	97	98	99	00	01	<b>Total</b>
16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>17</b>